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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 21438

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, UR, JA  
SUBJECT: KOSYGIN PUBLICLY CHASTISES  
JAPANESE OVER SINO-JAPANESE TREATY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS  
CARRIES TASS ACCOUNT OF SEPT. 6 MEETING BETWEEN  
KOSYGIN AND VISITING JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY DEL.  
ACCORDING TO REPORT, JAPANESE MADE "STATEMENT"  
ABOUT JAPAN STRIVING "HENCEFORTH" TO DEVELOP PEACEFUL  
AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING  
TO TASS, KOSYGIN SAID THAT SOVIET UNION WAS FOR  
GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES - INCLUDING  
JAPAN - "AS MUCH AS" THIS CONTRIBUTES TO PEACE  
AND SECURITY AND DOES NOT HARM THIRD COUNTRIES.  
THIS CANNOT BE SAID ABOUT RECENTLY SIGNED JAPANESE-  
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CHINESE TREATY, HE DECLARED, "WHICH IS DIRECTED  
AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION . . ." THERE WAS NO  
LACK OF STATEMENTS ABOUT JAPAN'S UNCHANGED POLICY  
TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION, CONCLUDED KOSYGIN, "BUT  
SUCH STATEMENTS MUST BE REINFORCED WITH PRACTICAL  
DEEDS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT EQUALLY HARSH WORDS HAVE BEEN USED PRIVATELY BY SOVIETS TO EXPRESS MOSCOW'S DISPLEASURE OVER TREATY AND INDEED PUBLIC LEVEL OF CRITICISM HAS ALSO BEEN QUITE HIGH. JAPANESE SOURCE SAID THAT KOSYGIN SPOKE FOR 50 MINUTES OF 70 MINUTE MEETING AND THAT OVERALL CONTENT OF HIS REMARKS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS FAVORING IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS. BE THAT AS IT MAY, USING AS AUTHORITATIVE AN INDIVIDUAL AS KOSYGIN TO DELIVER SUCH A BLUNT, HARSH PUBLIC MESSAGE TO THE JAPANESE SCARCELY SEEMS THE WAY TO BEGIN TO REWEAVE THE FRAYED RELATIONSHIP.

3. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT AMB. POLYAKOV IS "WORKING IN THE MFA" ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THEY EXPECT HIM TO RETURN TO JAPAN, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHEN THIS WILL BE. TOON

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